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FOR MR. NESSE, RUEHFO FOR IPS/PL

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS AT RECEPTION FOR THE
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REMARKS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE RECEPTION FOR THE
AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE INAUGURATION GIVEN AT THE
RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA. NOVEMBER
30, 1976.

MR. AMBASSADOR, EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
I WOULD LIKE (THIS IS A NOISY GROUP, LAUGHS) I WOULD LIKE
TO WELCOME YOU ALL AND TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR
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YOUR COMING HERE TO SEE US. MY WIFE AND I ARE ALWAYS HAPPY

TO VISIT MEXICO WHERE WE HAD OUR HONEYMOON AND WHERE WE HAVE SPENT SO MANY HAPPY OCCASIONS AND OUR COUNTRY HAS SUCH PROFOUND TIES TO THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WHICH ARE SYMBOLIZED BY THE PRESENCE HERE OF THE SON OF OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT MR. JACK FORD AND THE WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT MRS. CARTER. NOTHING COULD EXPRESS MORE PROFOUNDLY THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND TO ITS VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO ITS GROWING; COMPLICATED, DIFFICULT, OCCASIONALLY CANTANKEROUS BUT ALWAYS CLOSE FRIENDS IN MEXICO.

WE LIVE IN A PERIOD IN WHICH WE HAVE TO FIND PEACE IN THE MIDST OF IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICTS AND WE HAVE TO STRIVE FOR PROGRESS WHEN THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN PEOPLE AND WITHIN COUNTRIES ARE ENORMOUS AND WE MUST GIVE EXPRESSION TO THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS AT A TIME WHEN THE PRIDE OF NATIONS HAVENEVER BEEN MORE PRONOUNCED.

IN THIS RESPECT, OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN MEXICO ARE OF CENTRAL IMPORTANCE. WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH EACH OTHER ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT. WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE WILL NOT ALWAYS SEE THINGS INDENTICALLY AND HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE, ANYWAY, IN A NATION OF SOME 70 MILLION ANARCHISTIC INDIVIDUALISTS (LAUGHS) BUT WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR DESTINIES ARE LINKED AND THAT WE CAN SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD HOW PROUD NATIONS CAN COOPERATE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY THREE DECADES PERIODS OF TRANSITION IN MEXICO AND IN THE UNITED STATES COINCIDE AND JUST AS THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY IS TAKING PLACE IN MEXICO WITH DIGNITY AND WITH CONTINUITY AND WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE MAINTAINED, SO I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PEACE, OF PROGRESS, OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT REFLECT THE VIEWS OF ALL AMERICANS. THEY DO NOT REFLECT THE VIEW OF A SINGLE PARTY AND, AFTER ALL, THE FIRST TIME THAT I MET OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT WHEN ONLY HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO RUN

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FOR PRESIDENT (LAUGH) I HEARD HIM GIVE AN ADDRESS IN SPANISH TO A GROUP OF DIPLOMATS FROM THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE SIGNIFYING HIS OWN COMMITMENT TO THE CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

SO, IN THANKING ONCE AGAIN MR. FORD AND MRS. CARTER FOR JOINING US I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE MEXICAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO THE

HEALTH AND LONG LIFE OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND TO THE
HEALTH AND SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO.
MRS. CARTER WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD OF GREETING.

"ES UN GRAN PLACER PARA MI ESTAR AQUI CON USTEDES. LA
SESION (APLAUSOS) LA SESION HA ESTADO TREMENDIOSO (MY WORD)
YO NO HABLO MUCHO EL ESPENAOOL PERO CUANDO MI ESPOSO
ES EL PRESIDENTE EN EL ANO PROXIMO, YO VOY A ESTUDIARLO
MAY ENTONCES VOLVERE A VISITAR OTRA VEZ. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH. KISSINGER UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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